

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IRREGULARITIES IN ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether regular inspections are made by the Nodal Officers/Medical Referees of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals in the country for the review of the functioning of ESI schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of irregularities found and the action taken/proposed to be taken to stop such irregularities;
- (c) the number of visits made by General Purpose Medical Care Sub Committee during the last three years alongwith the details of their recommendations; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government on their recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The ESI Corporation has appointed Senior State Medical Commissioner (SSMC)/State Medical Commissioner (SMC) in the States for periodical visits to ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries and to have liaison with State Government for ensuring proper functioning of ESI Scheme in the State.

(b): The main problems observed during the visit to the hospitals by the SSMC/SMC are poor utilization of hospital facilities, shortage of staff and non-availability/non-functioning of the equipments. In January 2007, the State Governments have been advised to take measures for upgrading of medical facilities to improve delivery of medical care services under the ESI Scheme. For expediting the sanction of equipments powers have been delegated to the SSMCs/SMCs for sanctioning equipments up to Rs. 15 lakhs per unit. Besides this, an additional incentive of Rs. 50/- per Insured Person per family unit per annum will be given to the State Government on fulfilling stipulated terms and conditions for improvement of medical scheme.

(c)&(d): During the last three years (2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07), the General Purposes Medical Care Sub-Committee (GPMCSC) of ESI Corporation visited ESI Hospitals Bibvewadi & Chinchwad (Pune) on 01.02.2006 and ESI Hospitals Vashi, Thane, Andheri (Mumbai) on 02.02.2006 for selection of site for super speciality hospital for Western Zone. The Committee recommended handing over of ESI Hospital Chinchwad and ESI Hospital Bibvewadi to the State Government and taking over of ESI Hospital Andheri by ESIC to be run as Model Hospital-cum-super speciality hospital. In addition, the GPMCSC visited Jharkhand region from 05.10.2006 to 07.10.2006 and the observations made by the Sub-Committee were discussed with the concerned Secretary of the State Governments on 07.10.2006 and the report of the Sub-Committee was forwarded to the all concerned for taking appropriate action.